

## MEN OF ACTION... who displayed cool courage in the heat of battle

CRPORAL FREDERICK TOPHAM, of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, was awarded the Victoria Cross for two outstanding acts of bravery on the 24th March, 1945. At 11.00 hours that morning Topham heard the cries of a man who lay wounded in an exposed position. Although aware that two men had already been killed attempting to rescue the wounded soldier, Topham immediately went out and,



although severely wounded in the face, brought him to safety. Later that same day, a carrier received a direct hit from enemy mortar fire, badly wounding its three occupants. The vehicle's own ammunition was exploding and German mortar bombs still rained down about him, but Corporal Topham fearlessly went to their aid and succeeded in rescuing all three men.

THE STORY BEGAN IN MIST-ENSHROUDED LONDON. THE STUMBLING FOOTSTEPS, THE HEAVING GASPS OF TORTURED BREATH, WERE UNMISTAKABLY THOSE OF A MAN IN DESPERATE FEAR FOR HIS LIFE.



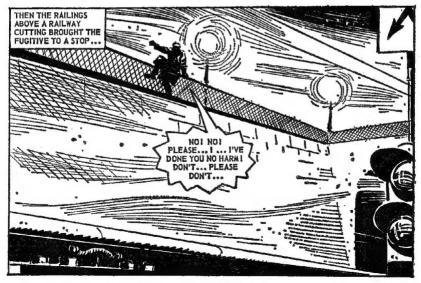


















SOMETIMES EDGAR, I WISH I STILL WAS! BUT, OKAY! I'LL GO QUIETLY.















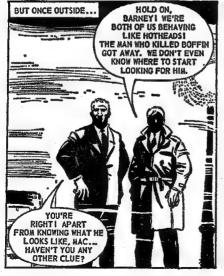




















COUNT DORADO, THAT'S WHO! SOME SAY HE'S ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD, BUT NO-ONE KNOWS MUCH ABOUT HIM. LIVES ON TOP OF A MAN-MADE MOUNTAIN RIGHT ALONGSIDE THIS TOWN OF HIS.







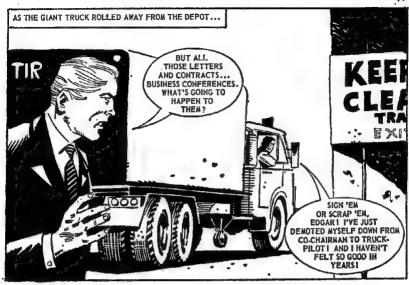


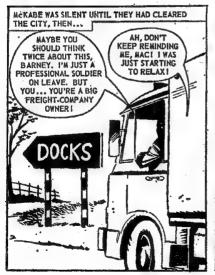






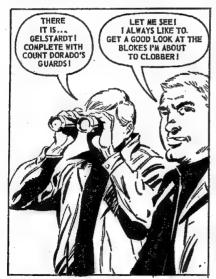














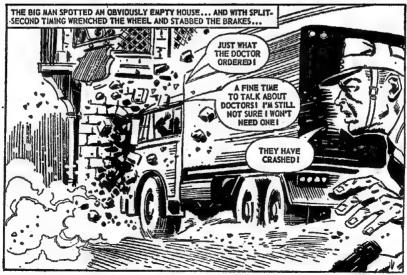














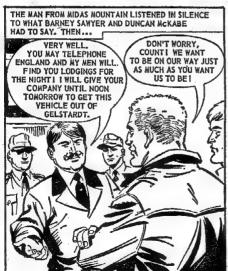


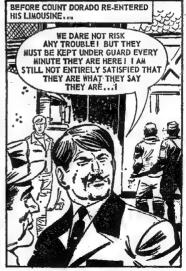




















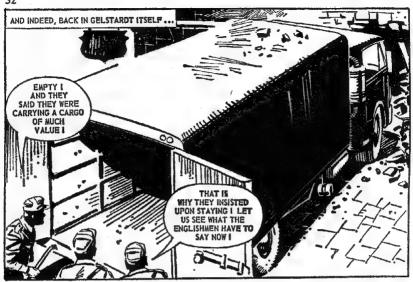












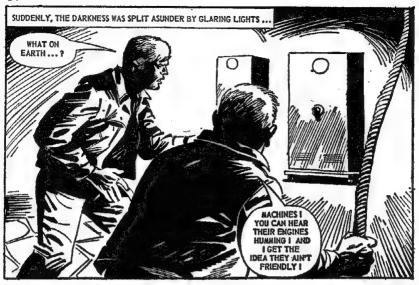




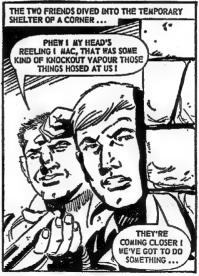






























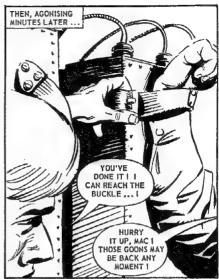








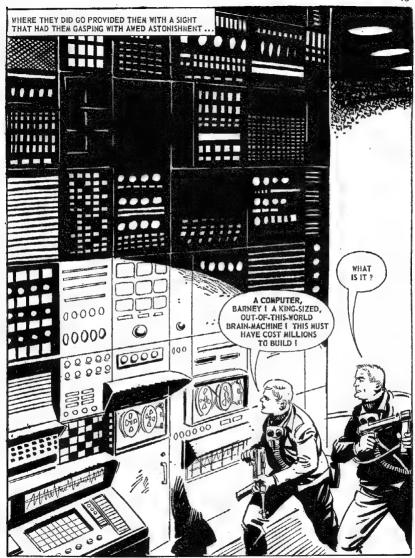




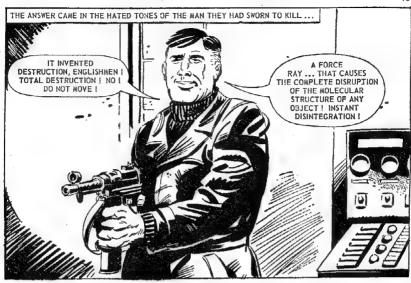






































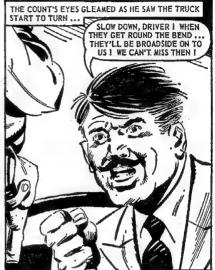




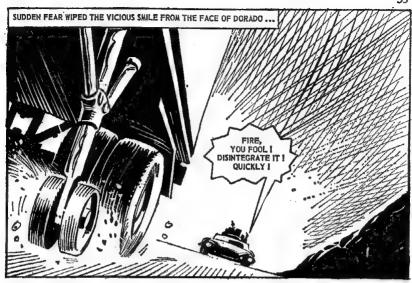


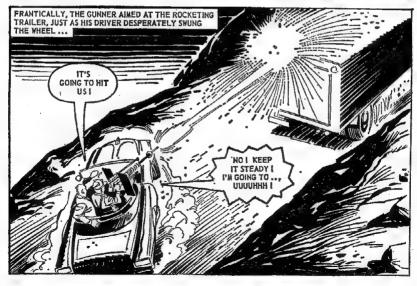
























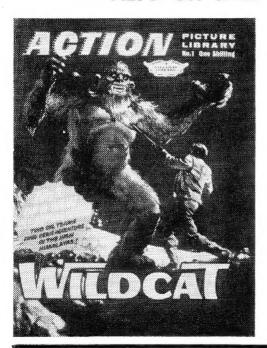
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